

Like Harry S. Truman, another Missourian, Mr. Buckles had to manipulate the rules to enlist during World War I. Truman had to memorize an eye chart; at age 16, Mr. Buckles had to exaggerate his age. Private Buckles joined the Army and was detailed to the 1st Fort Riley Casual Detachment. He soon arrived in theater where he saw duty as an ambulance driver in England, France and Germany. During part of the conflict he was assigned the responsibility of guarding German prisoners and returned home with the rank of Corporal.

Nearly 4,744,000 Americans defended their country abroad during World War I, and 116,000 made the ultimate sacrifice. After the war, the compassionate people of Greater Kansas City raised enough money in 11 days to build the Liberty Memorial. At the dedication of the Liberty Memorial, General of the Armies John J. Pershing, Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, stated: "The memorial also symbolizes the obligation that rests upon present and future generations to preserve that for which those men and women offered their all, and from many of whom the supreme sacrifice was accepted. May their memory live on, and may every American who looks upon this noble edifice be inspired by their devotion."

We were naive in those days to think that World War I would be the last World War. Mr. Frank Woodruff Buckles saw the Second World War first hand as well. As a civilian he was employed by the White Star steamship line. While working in Manila in 1941, the Japanese forces attacked and took him prisoner. Three and a half years later he was freed by the 11th Airborne Division and returned to the United States.

Mr. Buckles' presence at the Liberty Memorial on Memorial Day is a reminder to all Americans that our country has been repatriated by the sacrifices of our veterans. Memorial Day is our national holiday of mourning intended to honor those who valiantly served our great Nation. As we gather in honor of generations of Americans who lost their lives in battle, we turn to our veterans to extend our gratitude, and bow our heads in memory of comrades lost.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to please join me in saluting Mr. Frank Woodruff Buckles, a true American patriot, and all of our veterans who died in service, and those who survived to make America a better place to live.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. HULSHOF. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman KENNY HULSHOF.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658, Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Aircraft Procurement, Air Force, Budget Activity 02, Airlift Aircraft, C-17.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Boeing Company.

Address of Requesting Entity: The Boeing Company, P.O. Box 516, St. Louis, MO, 63166.

Description of Request: The C-17 is the world's most effective and flexible strategic/tactical airlifter. The C-17 has revolutionized the movement of troops and equipment into battle by allowing their delivery to parts of the world that were previously not accessible by conventional airlifters. As per Air Force Unfunded Priority List (UPL) #6, C-17 (+ 15 aircraft), \$3.9B, procures 15 C-17s, keeping only active strategic airlift production line open (and part of "required" force as per this UPL).

SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume. I rise today to ask my colleagues to support H. Res 1208.

This resolution is very simple. It recognizes the many problems that face young people who spend time in foster care, and it thanks the many others who work to ease their transition from foster care to adulthood and independence.

In Georgia, there are thousands of children in foster care. Living in foster care is not a choice. These young people—of all race, ages, and backgrounds—were victims of neglect and abuse. Child welfare services share a common goal of finding safe, stable, and loving homes for these young people. Unfortunately, this dream is not always realized.

I have the privilege to serve on the Ways and Means' Income Security and Family Support Subcommittee chaired by my friend and colleague, Mr. McDERMOTT. Last year, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) invited two young people from my congressional district to testify about what it is like to transition from foster care to adulthood.

Anthony Reeves and Sherena Johnson both "aged-out" of Georgia's foster care system. They shared with us how difficult it is to find housing, health care, education, livable wage jobs, security, and stability. At a young age, when most are still relying on financial and emotional support from their parents and family, these young people had no one to fall back on. Mr. Speaker, these are the stories that break your heart.

Today, we honor those like Anthony, Sherena, and Kevin Brown—a recent Clark Atlanta University graduate—who are determined to find their way despite so many obstacles before them. We also pay tribute to the mentors, the volunteers, the parents, organizations, and many others who fill in the gaps in Federal and State coverage to help these young people during the most difficult times.

Most importantly, this resolution sends a message to the half a million young people currently in the foster care system. Congress tells them, "You are not alone. We love you; we support you. You are not forgotten; there is hope. You will survive, and you will succeed."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge all of my colleagues to support this very simple resolution.

EXTENDING PROGRAM RELATING TO WAIVER OF FOREIGN COUN- TRY RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO INTER- NATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5571, which provides a 5-year extension of the Conrad 30 J Waiver Program. That program is of critical importance to my constituents and to our Nation as a whole because it provides a mechanism whereby doctors can be provided to medically underserved areas.

I have the privilege of representing New York State's 23rd Congressional District, a predominantly rural region which encompasses 14,739 square miles in 11 counties in northern and central New York. It is breathtakingly beautiful and contains national treasures such as Lake Champlain, the St. Lawrence River, Lake Ontario, and the Adirondack Mountains. However, it has a 13.5 percent poverty rate and some have characterized it as remote.

One of our greatest challenges is recruiting and retaining physicians. In fact, given its importance to our economy and quality of life, that challenge is almost always raised whenever I meet with the fine men and women who serve as local elected officials, business community leaders, or health professionals.

The Conrad 30 J Waiver Program is an invaluable tool in our effort to meet that challenge. In fact, since 1996, my office has helped secure waivers for 46 doctors, including 7 primary care physicians located in 6 of the 11 counties I represent. While these doctors have helped immensely in our effort to address our physician shortage, I am hesitant to imagine a scenario where we did not have the Conrad 30 J Waiver Program.

Accordingly, I greatly appreciate the work the Gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN) and the Gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) have done to bring this measure to the floor and look forward to its enactment.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL CER- TIFICATE OF MERIT RECIPIENT KARLYNDA JOHNSON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the successes and achievements of Karlynda Johnson, who has received the Congressional Certificate of Merit award at Killeen High School in Killeen, Texas. Karlynda has shown exceptional leadership qualities through her involvement in numerous activities which makes her a great candidate for this award.

Karlynda is involved in numerous volunteer activities such as Camp Celebration, the City of Nolanville, and she is a Book Room volunteer at her school. On top of all of her volunteer activities, Karlynda is one of the top students in her class of 385.

I congratulate Karlynda Johnson for her achievements in school and in her community and am proud to represent such talented and dedicated people in the 31st District of Texas.

**PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION 210
BANQUET**

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sincerity and respect that I offer congratulations to several of Northwest Indiana's most talented, dedicated, and hardworking individuals. On Friday, June 6, 2008, the Plumbers Local Union 210 will honor the graduating class of 2008 at the Annual apprentice Graduation Banquet, which will be held at the Patio Banquet Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

At this year's banquet, the Plumbers Local Union 210 will recognize and honor the 2008 apprentice graduates. The individuals who have completed the apprentice training in 2008 are: Sonny Armato, Ben Buchholz, Nick Goodman, Chad Hofferth, Timothy LaMere, Mario Lopez, Robert Matthews, Kamilah Weaver, Jacob Wesley, and David Young.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These graduates are outstanding examples of each. They have mastered their trade and have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and selfless dedication.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated and hardworking individuals. Along with the other men and women of Northwest Indiana's unions, these individuals have committed themselves to making a significant contribution to the growth and development of the economy of the First Congressional District, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, DC.

**HONORING OUR HEROES ON
MEMORIAL DAY**

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a debt to those we could never repay . . . the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces, both past and present. It was their duty to serve, and with Memorial Day 2008 on the horizon, it is our duty to remember.

In a tradition that began just 3 years after the end of the Civil War, Americans set aside the 30th day of May each year to remember the sacrifice made by our service men and women who died while defending freedom.

On May 30, 1868, flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. That practice has continued for over 130 years as millions of Americans have laid flowers on the graves of soldiers from World War II, Vietnam and as recently as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Madam Speaker, I would like to pay special remembrance today to the soldiers, marines

and guardsmen from the Sixth Congressional District of Indiana who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS KILLED IN IRAQ

Matthew R. Smith: Smith died May 10, 2003, in a vehicle accident in Kuwait. Age: 20. Hometown: Anderson, Ind. Died: 05/10/2003. Service: Marine Corps. Rank: Lance Corporal (E-3). Unit: reservist, assigned to Detachment 1, Communications Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Peru, Ind.

Shawn D. Pahnke: Pahnke was killed June 16, 2003, by a sniper while on patrol. Age: 25. Hometown: Shelbyville, Ind. Died: 06/16/2003. Service: Army. Rank: Private (E-2). Unit: Company C, 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

Chad L. Keith: Keith was killed July 7, 2003, when a roadside bomb exploded as his unit patrolled the streets of Baghdad. Age: 21. Hometown: Batesville, Ind. Died: 07/07/2003. Service: Army. Rank: Specialist (E-4). Unit: 2-325th Infantry, Company D, Fort Bragg, NC.

Frederick L. Miller Jr.: Miller was killed Sept. 20, 2003, when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle. Age: 27. Hometown: Hagerstown, Ind. Died: 09/20/2003. Service: Army. Rank: Staff Sergeant (E-6). Unit: Troop K, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

Robert E. Colvill, Jr.: Colvill was among five soldiers killed July 8, 2004, in Baghdad. All were in the Iraqi National Guard Headquarters when it came under a mortar attack. Age: 31. Hometown: Anderson, Ind. Died: 07/08/2004. Service: Army. Rank: Sergeant (E-5). Unit: 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Raymond L. White: White died Nov. 12, 2004, in Baghdad when his patrol was attacked with small arms fire. Age: 22. Hometown: Elwood, Ind. Died: 11/12/2004. Service: Army. Rank: Specialist (E-4). Unit: 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment (Armor), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Scott Zubowski: Zubowski died when a roadside bomb exploded during combat operations near Fallujah in Iraq's Al Anbar province on Nov. 12, 2005. Age: 20. Hometown: Manchester, Ind. Boyhood Hometown: New Castle, Ind. Died: 11/12/2005. Service: Marine Corps. Rank: Lance Corporal (E-3). Unit: 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Michael A. Bechert: Bechert was mortally wounded when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq on May 30, 2007. He was transferred to Fort Sam Houston Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, where he died on June 14, 2007. Age: 24. Hometown: Schweinfurt, Germany. Boyhood Hometown: New Castle, Ind. Died: 06/14/2007. Service: Army. Rank: Staff Sergeant (E-6). Unit: 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Johnathan A. Lahmann: Lahmann was mortally wounded when a vehicle-borne IED detonated near his vehicle in Baiji, Iraq on December 10, 2007. He was transferred to Tikrit, Iraq, where he died later that day. Age: 21. Hometown: Richmond, Ind. Boyhood Hometown: Richmond, Ind. Died: 12/10/2007. Service: Army. Rank: Specialist (E-4). Unit: 59th

Engineer Company, 20th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.

U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN

Jeremy Wright: Wright died when an improvised explosive device struck his military vehicle. Age: 31. Hometown: Shelbyville, Ind. Died: 01/03/2005. Service: Army. Rank: Sergeant (E-5). Unit: 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Michael Hiester: Hiester died when his military vehicle struck a land mine 30 miles west of Kabul, Afghanistan. Age: 33. Hometown: Bluffton, Ind. Died: 03/26/2005. Service: Indiana Army National Guard. Rank: Master Sergeant (E-8). Unit: 76th Infantry Brigade, Army National Guard, Indianapolis.

Mr. Speaker, these brave men, like those who went before them, made the ultimate sacrifice so that Americans can enjoy the freedoms we treasure.

It was their duty to serve; it is our duty to remember.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5658, which provides funds for the Gateway System. I am requesting funding in the FY09 Defense Authorization bill, Navy Procurement account for the Gateway System manufactured by Ocean Design, Inc., located at 1026 North Williamson Boulevard in Daytona Beach, Florida 32114.

The \$3 million authorized in the Navy's Procurement budget is to provide funding to the Navy for the purchase of the Gateway System that has been under development by the Navy to provide a fixed surveillance system in meeting the Nation's Maritime Domain Awareness security requirements. This is the first year procurement money will be used to fund this project. There will be no cost share, as this project will benefit the United States Navy.

The U.S. Navy has a requirement to defend the maritime approaches to the United States and monitor the littorals as articulated in the Navy's 2006 National Strategy for Maritime Security. The Gateway System is an open architecture system that allowed for sensors to be connected covertly to monitor activity on the ocean floor, from the ocean floor to the surface of the water, and above the water to provide awareness of all activity to counter mines, submarines, water traffic, and terrorism that may pose a threat to the fleet and to the United States.

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HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate KTVK-TV (3TV, Arizona Family), recipient of the 10th annual National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation 2008 Service to America Partnership